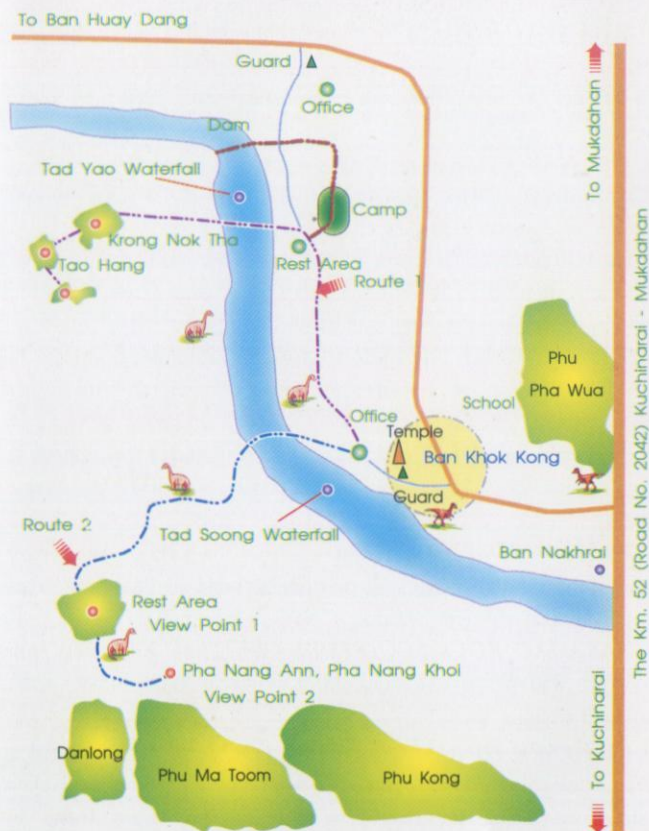


PHU PHA WUA MAP



Excursions

- Route 1 : Phu Pha Wua-Tad Yao Water Falls-Krong Nok Tha-Tao Hang (1.5 Kilometers)
- Route 2 : Phu Pha Wua-Tad Soong Water Falls-View Point-Pha Nang Ann, Pha Nang Khoi-Dan Long (2 Kilometers)

Tourist Attractions in Kalasin Province

Kalasin's Museum of Goods - located in the old city Hall of Kalasin Province, the inside is divided into various exhibit rooms, e.g., Governor Chamber, Pong Lang (musical instruments) Room, and Prae Wa Room.

Phu Po Buddhist Sanctuary - located in Muang District at Wat Indra Prathanporn on Phu Po, the sanctuary's unique feature is two Dvaravati art reclining Buddha images carved on the cliff face. It is about 28 km. from the province.

Lam Pao Dam - located in Tambol Lam Pao, Yang Talad District, the reservoir also serves as a fishery and a tourist attraction. Some of its attractions are : Dok Kaet Beach, Suan Sa-on Nature and Wildlife Study. It is 36 km. from the province

Wat Buddha Nimit (Wat Phu Khao) - located in Banna Srinuan, Sahatsakhan District, the temple offers lush and peaceful surroundings. It houses the unique left sided reclining Buddha image. The temple ground also an intricately carved wooden chapel. It is about 45 km. from the province.

Phu Singha - located about 32 km. from town, it enshrines the large phra phum Palo Buddha - a subduing Mara stance image. The image sits atop the summit.

Phra That Yakoo - originally called Phra That Yai located in Pha Dat Song Yang, Kamalasai District, the chedi was constructed with bricks left from Dhavaravati era. There are traces of civilization, and sanctuaries around the site. It is about 19 km. from the province.

Phu Thai Cultural Village of Khok Kong - located in Ban Khok Kong, Kuchi Narai District, it is a homestay village that offers, in addition to cultural study, a beautiful surroundings. Not far from the village are Tad Sung and Tad Yao Waterfalls. It is about 85 km. from Kalasin.

Center of Vichit Prae Wa Silk at Ban Phon - located in Ban Phon, Kham Muong District, it is the center for purchase of prae wa silk fabric. Ban Phon is regarded as the birthplace for the elaborately designed, and high quality fabric. It is approximately 80 km. from the province.



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Phuthai Khok-Kong



The Land of Glory and Magician
Kalasin



PHUTHAI is one of the ethnic groups which migrated from Southern China downward through Laos and Vietnam to cross the Maekhong River and settle in the Northeast part of Thailand. Phuthai people live in several districts of Kalasin Province. They prefer to live by the mountains or highlands because they rely on natural resources for their daily consumption. They pick up fruit, eatable leaves and roots like bamboo shoot, and ant's eggs to make their food. Moreover, they make use of everlasting raw materials from bamboo trees. They can make rice-containers, baskets, pails, and other articles. Phuthai people have a strong belief in their traditional culture including communication, language, clothing, music, clothes making, wooden handicraft, etc. Particularly their compassion, cheerful smile and friendliness.

CULTURAL VILLAGE of PHUTHAI KHOK-KONG is located on Phuphan Mountain in Kuchinarai District, about 90



kilometers northeast of Kalasin Province and approximately 650 kilometers from Bangkok on highway no. 2042, Nakhrai Village is situated further 3 kilometers further on the left off the highway by the asphalt road. The main career of Phu Thai Khok Khong Villagers is agriculture : growing rice, doing orchard work and doing farming.

CULTURAL VILLAGE of PHUTHAI KHOK-KONG is a small village of 130 household families with a total population of 600. It lies near a small stream which flows all year round. It is essential in daily life and causes the weather and temperature to be cool all year round as well.

Since 1998 Phu Thai Khok Kong Cultural Village has been opened as a cultural tourist attraction as well as the new way of life of Kalasin. Each year the amounts of both Thai tourists and foreign tourists visited this cultural village are plentiful. In the year 2000 Phu Thai Khok Kong Cultural Village rewarded the prize from The Third Thailand Tourism Awards 2000 in which kind of town and community attraction which can guarantee the tourism quality in all aspects of this cultural village.

Phu Thai Khok Kong is a tourist village offering homestay program traveling to study the local lifestyle and culture of Phu Thai People, including the relaxation in natural atmosphere; in a jungle, touch fresh air and sincerity of upcountry people.

For the activities which are the warm welcome of Phu Thai People Bai Sri tradition (rice offerings to spirits in a propitiatory ceremony), having Pa-lang local cuisine consists of Oom Wai curry, Mok Hed, young bamboo shoot soup, eggs of large red ant, Pak Wan curry, seasonal edible insects. It can be seen local music performance such as Phu Thai flute, bamboo stringed instrument, lute, Khan (reed mouthorgan in northeastern Thailand), Tum drum as well as local classical dance with strange melody and language. Seeing how to manufacture handicrafts: silk-weaving, bamboo-weaving. Moreover there's jungle trekking around Phu Pha Wua Park, located in the north of the village, to see fertile jungle, caves, waterfall and study rare plants and local herbs.



Traditions/rites

TAD SOONG WATERFALL'S TRADITION

Held on the first Saturday of October to make merit and to have sacrificial ceremony for the ancestors. It can be seen Phu Thai art and culture performance and entertainment all day long.

HONOR THE ANCESTORS

This traditional Moh Yao ceremony occurs in the village. People help each other to prepare for this act, in which they thank their ancestors with good food, pray and dances.

HONOR THE MAHESAK SPIRIT HOUSE

Villagers organise a set of several kinds of food with wine and whisky to thank the leader of Thai King who has governed the land peacefully. This treat occurs once a year from May to June.

YAO CEREMONY

The ceremony aims to treat sick Phuthai people. It is done by the Moh Yao to beg the ghost of the village to forgive unintention wrongdoings. It also cheers up patients or sick people through singing and dancing performances.



Surrounding Attractions

PHU PHA WUA PARK

The area of 4,000 rai neighbors the north side of the cultural village of Phuthai Koke-Kong. It is situated in a beautiful natural atmosphere with trails to enjoy water falls, cliffs, trees and herbs.

TAD SOONG WATER FALLS 200 meters from the village.

TAD YAO WATER FALLS A natural Falls with a wide and long stream.

DAN LONG A large, flat rock surrounded with cacti and forest plants.

WAT SIM NAKO Phuthai the local village museum is 19 kilometers from the village. The museum collects household utensils and equipment of Phuthai Ethnic used in daily life.

PHU PHA PHUENG This park is 12 kilometers north of the village. It is a pretty natural park with land rocks, a view point, the Pha Mue Daeng Cave, and amazing natural rock bridge.

NONG HANG-HUAI MUANG VILLAGE 18 kilometers from the village. This village is famous for bamboo handicraft works, such as rice containers, baskets, etc.

PHU SITHAN WILDLIFE RESERVATION REGION Located 27 kilometers from the village, this park has trails to observe the natural beauty.

BUDDHABUD TEMPLE 30 kilometers from the village. The temple has a collection of wooden stone fossil fish found in Phu Loi. They are displayed outdoors and indoors.

BAN NAKADAO ROCK SCULPTURE CENTER 47 kilometers from the village. Villages are famous in sculpturing rock to be sema, animals and wishing balls

PHU FAG PARK DINOSAUR FOSSIL FOOT PRINTS Located at Phu Fag National Park 40 kilometers from the village, this displays natural shows. Dinosaur foot print fossils. They were found by primary school girls Patcharee and Kalayamas on November 16, 1996

DINOSAUR FOSSIL MUSEUM SAHAT SAKHAN DISTRICT 95 kilometers from the village, the Dinosaur Museum of Kalasin Province contains more than 600 fossils. The museum displays exhibitions about dinosaurs from sources all over the world.



HOW TO REACH PHUTHAI KHOK-KONG

The village can be reached by car, bus, train or by plane.

BY CAR

From Bangkok take the Friendship Highway No.2 to Ban Phai District, Khon Kaen Province, then turn right to take Highway no.23 to Mahasarakham Province and Roi-Et Province. At Roi-Et Province take Highway No.2044 North to enter the Phon Thong District, after Phon Thong District take Highway No. 2046 to enter Kuchinarai District. At the Kuchinarai District take Highway No.2042 leading to Mukdahan Province (about 12 kilometers from Kuchinarai District) At Ban Nakhrai take a left turn on a laterite road and drive a further 3 kilometers to reach the village of Phuthai Khok-Kong.

BY BUS

Take the bus from Bangkok to Mukdahan Province, the bus lives daily at 08.30 am. for normal bus (non-airconditioned) and takes about 8-9 hours. For air-conditioned bus takes about 7 hours. Take off at Kuchinarai District and take the local bus or motor tricycle to the village of Phuthai Khok Kong. For more information please contact 0-2936-2841-8 non-air, for air-conditioned 0-2936-2841-8 ext. : 170.

BY RAIL

Take the Bangkok-Nong Khai train. Take off at Khon Kaen station and take a bus to Mukdahan Province. Get off at the 52nd kilometer after passing Kuchinarai District at Ban Nakrai Then take a motor tricycle to enter the village. Please consult further information at the Railway Station in Bangkok, Tel. 02-2237010, 2237020 or at Khon Kaen 043-221112

BY AIR

Bangkok-Khon Kaen flight of Thai Airways serves everyday, there are 4 flights/day. For additional information please contact 0-2513-0121 or Thai Airways Khon Kaen branch 0-4322-7701-5. Besides Bangkok Roi-Et flight of P.B. Air is available 4 flights/week on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. For additional information please contact P.B. Air Bangkok 0-2261-0221-5, and at Roi-Et's airport 0-4351-8572. And then take the bus to head for Kalasin.

Phuthai Khok-Kong Cultural Village Tour Program (non stay overnight)

The first program

- 10.30 Reach Phu Thai Khok Kong Cultural Village. Touch the warm welcome of Khok Khong Village and participate in Bai Sri Soo Khwan rite.
- 12.00 Have lunch and see Phu Thai local art and culture performance.
- 14.30 Turn to Bangkok.

The Second program

- 13.30 Reach Phu Thai Khok Kong Cultural Village Touch the warm welcome of Khok Kong villagers and participate in Bai Sri Soo Khwan rite. Having supper while seeing Phu Thai local art and culture performance.
- 16.00 Turn to Bangkok.

Kalasin Cultural Village of Phuthai Khok-Kong Home Stay and Ecotourism Package (2 days 1 night)

Day 1

- 3:30 Pm. Arrive at the village center. Welcome by village headman and villagers. Orientation with chanting to Buddha God. Further activities with the host families.
- 4:30 Pm. Meet and separate into groups the host families
- 6:30 Pm. Meet at the center of the village for Baisri Sookhwan Ceremony and dinner of I-san dishes, cultural dance and other performances.
- 10:00 Pm. Overnight Stay

Day 2

- 6:00 Am. Wake up and prepare to make merit by putting food into the bowls of mendicant Buddhist priests in the morning
- 7:00 Am. Breakfast with host family



Reservations and contact persons and offices please contact :

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Ban Khok-Kong. Tambon Kudwha, Amphoe Kuchi Narai
Kalasin Province. Tel. 66-043-852003, 851225
2. Kuchi-Narai District officer
Tel. 66-043-851749
3. Kalasin Community Development Provincial Office
Tel. 66-043-811274, 812508
4. Kalasin Provincial Office
Tel. 66-043-811695, 812970
5. Kalasin Public Relations Provincial Office
Tel.66-043-812184
6. Tourism Authority of Thailand Northeastern Office :
Region 3 : Tel. 66-043-244498-9 Fax. 66-043-244497

What to prepare/Facilities Provided Overnight with a host

- are already provided bed, blanket, pillow, mosquito net, but not a private room nor private toilet.
- Personal utensils have to be brought Overnight in a tent
- Phu Pha Wua National Park provides space with toilet facilities electricity and telephone service.



- 8:00 Am. Excursion to Tad Soong Water Falls, Tad Yao Water Falls in Phu Pha Wua National Park
- 12:00 N. Picnic lunch at the water falls area
- 1:00 Pm. Learn about at the Phuthai way of life
- 4:00 Pm. Meet at the center of the village
- 5:00 Pm. Presentation of gift and farewell

Note: The program may be amended upon appropriate situations and circumstances.



UDON THANI-KHON KAEN-KALASIN-NONG KHAI

Map of Tourist Attractions KALASIN

